GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA

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Diversion of Forest Land
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the diversion of forest lands to industrial units and for various other projects;
(b) if so, the details of such diversion reported during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
(c) the corrective steps being taken in this regard;
(d) whether any compulsory afforestation has been undertaken against the said diversion; and
(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a)& (b)Details of diversion of forest lands to industrial units and other projects reported during last 3 years and the current year, State/UT wise are at annexure-I.

(c)Diversion of forest land is allowed as per the procedure and provisions laid down in Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

(d) & (e)Compensatory afforestation in lieu of forest land diverted under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 to industrial units and for various other projects has been undertaken. Details of such Compensatory afforestation taken up till 31.03.2015 is given in annexure-II.

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